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SUBJECT: ITF CONGRESS: USDEL WILL CAST UNANIMOUS VOTE FOR
CHILEAN BOYCOTT

REF: STOCKHOLM 3493

BEGIN SUMMARY. DURING AN AUGUST 12 CAUCUS, THE
USDEL REAFFIRMED ITS EARLIER DECISION TO VOTE UNANIMOUSLY
IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED 48 HOURS BOYCOTT OF CHILEAN
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FLAG CARRIERS. LONGSHOREMEN UNION PRESIDENT GLEASON

DID NOT CARRY THROUGH ON HIS THREAT TO OPPOSE THE BOYCOTT. ON AUGUST 13 THE EIGHT MEMBER CHILEAN DELEGATION UNEXPECTEDLY APPEARED AT THE CONGRESS BUILDING. THEY DID NOT ATTEMPT TO BE SEATED BUT SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME IN THE CORRIDORS BUTTONGHOLING DELEGATES AND DISTRIBUTING HANDBILLS STATING THEIR "CASE". END SUMMARY

2. THE USDEL HAS DECIDED TO VOTE UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE ITF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PARTIAL BOYCOTT OF CHILE WHEN IT IS PRESENTED TO THE CONGRESS. AT THE USDEL CAUCUS, GLEASON EXPRESSED HIS OPPOSITION TO HOLDING A BOYCOTT BEFORE THE PROPOSED HIGH LEVEL ITF MISSION GOES TO CHILE, BUT AGREED TO GO ALONG WITH THE USDEL VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE 48 HOUR BOYCOTT.

3. MEANWHILE THE CHILEAN DELEGATION MANY OF WHOM WERE RUMORED TO HAVE ALREADY DEPARTED STOCKHOLM, MADE A SURPRISE APPEARANCE AT THE CONGRESS HALL TO STATE THEIR CASE. THEY DID NOT ATTEMPT TO ENTER THE CONGRESS, BUT POSITIONED THEMSELVES AT THE DOORS WHERE THEY TALKED WITH DELEGATES AND DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS WHICH ASSERTED THAT NONE OF THEM HAD "COME TO DEFEND THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN POWER IN OUR COUNTRY AS MANY SEEM TO THINK."

4. THE LEAFLET, STATED THAT THEY WERE ALL LEGITIMATE TRADE UNION LEADERS WELL-KNOWN TO THE ITF AND NOT "ELECTED" BY THE GOC. IT ATTACKED THE EX-LABOR LEADERS OF CHILE WHO HAVE RECEIVED ASYLUM IN SWEDEN AND "WHO PRETEND TO PLACE THE LABOR MOVEMENT AT THE SERVICE OF A POLITICAL IDEOLOGY." IT ALSO STATED THAT THEY WERE FIGHTING TO HAVE TRADE UNION RIGHTS REESTABLISHED IN CHILE AND CLAIMED THAT THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE GOC OF AN ILO INVESTIGATIVE MISSION TO CHILE WAS A RESULT OF THEIR EFFORTS. IN LIGHT OF THIS, THEIR LEAFLET CONCLUDED, "WE TAKE THE LIBERTY TO ASK THAT YOU SHOW MODERATION AND CONSIDERATION WHEN ANALYZING AND DETERMINING THE CHILEAN CASE." STRAUZ-HUPE

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